

DECEMBER 2000

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FREE guide to
life and music
in South Kent

YOUR MORNINGS *will be* brighter

HAYLEY IN COVENT GARDEN

Ashford-based singer-songwriter HAYLEY plays a showcase gig at the Rock Garden in Covent Garden, right in the heart of the West End, on the afternoon of Sunday December 17th.

A coach is running to the gig – an ideal chance to see the five-act acoustic session at the Rock Garden and to take advantage of the Christmas shopping opportunities in the capital such as the market in Covent Garden itself and the shops of Oxford Street.

The coach leaves Folkestone bus station at 9.45am and Park Street in Ashford at 10.15am, leaving London on the return journey at 5.30pm. Call Richard on 01303 276517 (home) or 01303 771245 (work) for details.

The other acts are London band BUGWIG (1.30pm), Verve-esque trio DAZZLER (3pm), Anglo/Canadian duo RUSHMORE (3.45pm) and the hotly tipped WHO WILL MISS MARY...? (4.30pm).

LIVE MUSIC AT GEE'S

Gigs continue at Gee's in Sandgate with CHEAP SUIT BLUES on Thursday December 7th, SUNFLY on Thursday December 14th and HEADFUNK on WEDNESDAY December 20th.

There is then a three-week break for Christmas and the New Year before gigs start up again on Thursday January 11th with SILVER FOX.

THE PROPHETS OF POP play a Christmas party night at Gee's on Saturday December 16th.

KENT & EAST SUSSEX GIG GUIDE

Chris Ashman's Kent & East Sussex Gig Guide is still going strong and now has an excellent website which gives details of most of the bands in the area and gives links to some of their sites.

Contact Chris on 01303 893472. E-mail: chris@kentgigs.com

Internet: www.kentgigs.com

The Gig Guide supplies weekly information to a variety of media outlets and the website has now joined forces with the Kent Musicians Web to provide an open forum for musicians to exchange ideas and contacts.

The Gig Guide dates back to 1981 when it represented 12 venues in the Folkestone and Dover areas. Since then it has promoted over 300 venues and over 1,000 bands.

LEAS CLIFF HALL

The AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD SHOW calls in at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone on Tuesday December 12th. Tickets are £14.50.

Next up at the Leas is the MEAT LOAF STORY on Saturday December 16th – tickets for that are £12.50.

And then 'The Naughty Rhythms Tour' finishes off with a date at the Leas on Saturday December 23rd featuring DR FEELGOOD, THE HAMSTERS, EDDIE and the HOT RODS and JOHN OTWAY. Tickets are £13.50.

PARKER, SCRATCH BAND and MIA play the final three-band special of the year 2000 at the Leas on Saturday December 30th.

West County rockers REEF are the first big name band to visit the venue during 2001 when they play the Leas on Tuesday January 30th.

Looking ahead still further, legendary blues vocalist PAUL RODGERS (ex Free and Bad Company) is at the Leas on Saturday February 24th and TOPLOADER on Monday March 26th.

Call the Box Office on 01303 253193 for ticket details.

BAD MANNERS IN KENT

Ska legends BAD MANNERS get into the Christmas spirit with dates at the Red Lion in Northfleet on Friday December 1st, Cue Club in Herne Bay on Thursday December 7th and at the Union Bar in Maidstone on Boxing Day.

Tickets for the Herne Bay date are £7 in advance or £10 on the door – call 01227 373415/368383. The Cue Club is at Market Street in Herne Bay and you can contact www.thecueclub-hernebay.co.uk

THE FORUM

The Forum in Tunbridge Wells rounds off the year 2000 with another busy programme this month. Punk stalwarts ANTI NOWHERE LEAGUE play their Christmas party at the venue on Saturday December 16th and KILL II THIS are at the Forum on both Thursday December 21st and Friday December 22nd.

Other bands booked at the venue this month include KING PRAWN, EARTHTONE 9 and COVE. For full details of what's on at the Forum this month see the Gig Guide overleaf.

The Forum is at Fonthill, The Common, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8YU. Telephone the Box Office on 01892 530411.

E-mail: twforum@globalnet.co.uk

Websites: www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~twforum
www.forum.tw.u-net.com

Contact 9 Gainsborough Close, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5NB

DECEMBER GIG GUIDE

FRI DEC 1st

REMAINS

Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

BAD MANNERS, SKA'D FOR LIFE

Red Lion, Northfleet

DILLINGER, TRANSFORMER, FLEXIBLE

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

SAT DEC 2nd

INTENSIFIED

Bullingdon Arms, Oxford

PINK SIDE OF THE MOON

Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

TEA FOR THE WICKED

Louis Armstrong, Dover

KAIL, TAKE A FENCE, DILATER

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

SUN DEC 3rd

SKA'D FOR LIFE

Plough, Stonebridge Road, Northfleet

Acoustic Lounge

MZKY presents two pieces

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

MON DEC 4th

SKA'D FOR LIFE

Cardinals Cap, Canterbury

WED DEC 6th

DON'T ASK

Seahorse, Littlestone

THUR DEC 7th

BAD MANNERS

Cue Club, Herne Bay

CHEAP SUIT BLUES

Gee's, Sandgate

FRI DEC 8th

HEADFUNK

Harp Club, Folkestone

JESTER

Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

ARe wE theM, THE DIN

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

SAT DEC 9th

UNCOOL FRANK

Harp Club, Folkestone

X-IT

Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

KING PRAWN, AUGUSTUS GLOOP

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

GRAHAM FENTON (ex Matchbox), BLASTOFF

Dover Harbour Board
Social Club

HEDSTRONG

Rockits, Lingfield

THE PHANTOMS

Beacon Court, Gillingham

BROKEN CIRCLES

Prince of Wales, Hythe

GET A GRIP

Royal Albion, Maidstone

RAINKINGS

The Britannia, Margate

SUN DEC 10th

CAMARA (3-6pm)

Beacon Court, Gillingham

WOODWARD BROTHERS

Black Horse, Monks Horton

IMPERIAL JAZZ BAND

Louis Armstrong, Dover

NEBRASKA

Neptune, Dymchurch

CLINTSTONES (4-6pm)

Royal Albion, Maidstone

TUES DEC 12th

THE AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD SHOW

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone
£14.50

NOBODY'S BUSINESS

Simple Simons, Canterbury

WED DEC 13th

TERRORVISION

Union Bar, Maidstone

DAMAGE MANUAL, BRUTAL DELUXE

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

MENTAL FLOSS

Seahorse, Greatstone

BAGPUSS

The Britannia, Margate

THE BREW

The Tube, Deal

THUR DEC 14th

SUNFLY

Gee's, Sandgate

NATTY and DWELLA

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

TORMENT

Beacon Court, Gillingham

LE GRAND

Neptune, Dymchurch

FRI DEC 15th

EARTHTONE 9, DEAD LIFE PORTRAIT

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

VIAGRA FALLS

Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

JOHN PEARSON

Cafe Pissarro's, Hastings

SAT DEC 16th

THE PROPHETS OF POP

Gee's, Sandgate

ANTI NOWHERE LEAGUE

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

THE MEAT LOAF STORY

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone – £12.50

CRAZY MAN CRAZY

Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

HEDSTRONG

Union Bar, Maidstone

SUN DEC 17th

HAYLEY (2pm)

BUGWIG (1.30pm),

DAZZLER (3pm),

RUSHMORE (3.45pm),

WHO WILL MISS MARY...? (4.30pm)

Rock Garden, Covent Garden, London

afternoon

Call Richard on 01303 276517 (h),

01303 771245 (w) for coach details

MON DEC 18th

Showcase –

GIN,

KEG,

PEDESTRIANS

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

TUES DEC 19th

FUNK featuring

Harry Monks all stars

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

HEDSTRONG

Acoustic Café, 17 Manette St, London WC1

WED DEC 20th

HEADFUNK

Gee's, Sandgate

PUNCHDRUNK,

THE HAZE,

DRAW 50

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

THUR DEC 21st

KILL II THIS

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

FRI DEC 22nd

KILL II THIS

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

* Second night *

DECEMBER GIG GUIDE

CRUEL 2B KIND

Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

60s/70s/80s party

Live bands from those eras

VINCE VORTEX &

THE CUCUMBERS,

TOOT 'n' SKA MEN

Red Lion, Northfleet

Call Porky 01474 361073

SAT DEC 23rd

EXPERIMENTAL JET SET,

COVE,

MOLY,

THE DO RIGHTS

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

'The Naughty Rhythms Tour'

DR FEELGOOD,

THE HAMSTERS,

EDDIE & THE HOT RODS,

JOHN OTWAY

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

£13.50

SHAVEN HAVEN

Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

CHRISTMAS EVE

Boogie Down

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

TUES DEC 26th

BAD MANNERS

Union Bar, Maidstone

WED DEC 27TH

HULLABALOU

Pizza Express, Maidstone

THUR DEC 28th

INCA MEDIA GROUP

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

HULLABALOU

Pizza Express, Maidstone

FRI DEC 29th

Club Flesh

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

SAT DEC 30th

PARKER,

SCRATCH BAND,

MIA

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

DEPARTURE

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Boogie Down

The Forum, Tunbridge Wells

THUR JAN 11th

SILVER FOX

Gee's, Sandgate

the frenchman

Folkestone's premier music venue

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

Remains

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

**Pink Side
of the Moon**

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Jester

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER

X-IT

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Viagra Falls

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Crazy Man Crazy

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Cruel 2B Kind

SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER

Shaven Haven

Christchurch Road, Folkestone

Tel 01303 259815

TUES JAN 16th

ORANGE STREET

Upstairs at the Garage, Highbury Corner,
London

Call Richard on 01303 276517 – home,

01303 771245 – work for coach details

THUR JAN 18th

FACE TO FACE

Gee's, Sandgate

FRI JAN 19th

DON'T ASK

Happy Frenchman, Folkestone

SAT JAN 20th

HEDSTRONG

Beacon Court, Gillingham

THUR JAN 25th

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEAD

Gee's, Sandgate



Live Music
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT

CHEAP SUIT BLUES
Thursday December 7th

SUNFLY
Thursday December 14th

**THE PROPHETS
OF POP**
Saturday December 16th

HEADFUNK
Wednesday December 20th

SILVER FOX
Thursday January 11th

FACE TO FACE
Thursday January 18th

**STRAIGHT
FROM THE HEAD**
Thursday January 25th

Admission FREE **HAPPY HOUR** 7PM-9PM

SAT JAN 27th

DON'T ASK

Harp Club, Folkestone

TUES JAN 30th

REEF

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

INTENSIFIED 1990-2000

This year marks the 10th anniversary of ever-popular local ska/reggae/rocksteady band INTENSIFIED and here we print the final instalment of our year-by-year account of the story so far.

1998 A quiet year for gigs began with another appearance at Rye Community Centre, followed by London appearances at the Borderline in Charing Cross Road and the George IV in Brixton. Arguably the band's biggest gig to date was to follow during July as they headed back to Cologne for the Reggae Summer Jam, Europe's biggest reggae festival which also included performances from the likes of JIMMY CLIFF, DENNIS BROWN and SKATALITES. Sharing breakfast at the hotel in such company was quite an experience the next morning. The band were back in Germany later that summer to play at a ska festival in Hannover with DR RING-DING & THE SENIOR ALLSTARS, THE HOTKNIVES, MR REVIEW and THE TOASTERS. September was to bring two gigs in one day as they played the Kent Ska Festival at the Beacon Court in Gillingham and then returned to Folkestone to play at a wedding reception later that night. The Bullingdon Arms in Oxford – where AJ and Karl now lived – was to provide a welcome addition to the list of their regular venues to play and their biggest London gig to date saw them support HEPCAT at the US band's first capital date at the Garage in Highbury & Islington. For the third year running the band's Christmas gig took place in Ashford as they played the Stour Centre again.

1999 The year begins with more dates with HEPCAT, first back at the Garage in London and then at the legendary Melkweg in Amsterdam, the latter also with THE TOASTERS. Just over the Sussex border is now becoming something of a stronghold as the band go down very well again at the Rye Community Centre and then go down a storm at the Black Horse Festival in Telham. They're an ideal band for outdoor style events and the Charivari carnival at the Leas bandstand provides another classic afternoon/evening, this time in the company of an authentic Zulu choir. The summer sees another date at the Bullingdon Arms in Oxford. And then it's an 8-date tour of Germany and Switzerland to promote the new "Faceman Sound" album on Grover Records, with label mates SKA TREK playing the Hamburg and Berlin dates. The tour is the band's biggest undertaking yet and the album gets rave reviews in Metal Hammer, Record Collector and Scootering magazines. They even get good write ups in the folk press which highlights their broad appeal. The year's last date sees them at the Camden Underworld in London with BOOMER and THE STARLITE JUNKEES. "Glamour Girls" is released as a single on Black Pearl.

2000 A quick jaunt up to Newbury is followed by another flight – this time to Switzerland for the Big Bamboo Festival in Basel with the excellent KALLES KAVIAR. The band re-appear at the Black Horse Festival in Telham and are over the Sussex border again for the Hope Festival. It's back to Belgium for a tour of the brewery and an outdoor gig in Hooegarden and then it's a marquee in Hannover as the summer festival season kicks in. INTENSIFIED re-appear at the Charivari bash – this year at the Leas amphitheatre – and finally make their debut on the Sunday of the Create Festival in Ashford's Victoria Park. The latter two gigs are notable for the appearance of female backing vocalist Katie on a couple of songs which give the band a potential new string to their bow. Their 10th anniversary party at Stripes Club in Folkestone was a memorable night with re-appearances from both Shaun Joyce and Tom Hodges and people coming over from both Belgium and Germany. The band have recorded a couple of new songs with Katie which should be out next year – and there's plenty more in the tank with more European dates and, hopefully, their first gigs in the United States of America also in the pipeline. Here's to the next ten years...

INTENSIFIED play at the Bullingdon Arms in Oxford on Saturday December 2nd.

INTENSIFIED
www.intensified.net

INTENSIFIED's three CDs – "Don't Slam The Door!", "Yard Shaker" and "Faceman Sound" are available for £12 each, including p&p, from 9 Gainsborough Close, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5NB. Cheques should be made payable to Richard Murrill.

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<http://www.angelfire.com/zine/ymwbb>

And the people doing it are on the lookout for new bands they can help to promote on <http://www.unsignedbands.org.uk>

Bands on the site at the moment include Bind, Ein Steifen, The Elements, Elusive, Pornocop and Beamer, with links to the sites of Uncool Frank, Cipher and Glass Elevator.

You can Email them at
bigboysrealaudio@hotmail.com
There is also a link to BURBS (British Underground Rock Bands) at
<http://www.burbs.co.uk> which has a directory of current bands doing the rounds.